

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A cornice for crowning a variety of architectural structures comprising:

5 a horizontal base unit having a face section, a top section and a bottom section, at least on of the face section, top section and bottom section further including fastening means; and one or more decorative modules fastened to at least one of the top section or the bottom section,

10 wherein each of said horizontal base unit and decorative modules are modular and interchangeable types of components with respect to previous and subsequent components fabricated in manufacturing, and wherein each said type of component is forged from a large block of rigid material.

2. The cornice of claim 1, wherein the block of rigid material is wood.

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3. The cornice of claim 2, wherein the modular and interchangeable types of components minimize waste of excess unforged material, and further minimize waste in the event one component is forged incorrectly.

20 4. The cornice of claim 1, further comprising a centerpiece module configured to fit over said face section of said horizontal base unit.

5. The cornice of claim 4, wherein said centerpiece module comprises structure having decorative features.

5 6. The cornice of claim 4, further comprising one or more curved extensions supports to secure the centerpiece module over said horizontal base unit.

7. The cornice of claim 4, wherein the one or more decorative modules comprise an insert channel for a secure insertion of said centerpiece module.

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8. The cornice of claim 1, wherein the one or more decorative modules include a hollow “T” shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.

15 9. The cornice of claim 1, wherein the one or more decorative modules include a hollow inverted “L” shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding

accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.

10. The cornice of claim 1, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow “T” shaped channel, and wherein the one or more decorative modules include a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.

11. The cornice of claim 1, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow inverted “L” shaped channel, and wherein the one or more decorative modules include a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.

12. A method of using cornices for crowning a variety of architectural structures comprising the steps of:

obtaining a horizontal base unit, the horizontal base unit having a first mateable modular connection means;

obtaining one of a plurality of decorative modules, the decorative module having a second mateable modular connection means;

combining the decorative module to the horizontal base unit by connecting the first mateable modular connection means to the second mateable modular connection means to form a single cornice structure.

- 5           13.    The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:  
                  obtaining a center piece module from a single block of rigid material; and  
                  connecting the centerpiece module to a horizontal base unit.
14.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
10           channeling a “T” shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative modules; and  
                 forming a corresponding accommodating extension the horizontal base unit for  
                 securing a decorative module to the horizontal base unit.
15.    The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
15           channeling an inverted “L” shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative  
                 modules; and  
                 forming a corresponding accommodating extension the horizontal base unit for  
                 securing a decorative module to the horizontal base unit.
- 20           16.    The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
                 channeling a “T” shaped groove in a horizontal base unit; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension in at least one of the decorative modules for securing the decorative module to the horizontal base unit.

17. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

5 channeling a “T” shaped groove the horizontal base unit; and  
forming a corresponding accommodating extension in at least one of the decorative modules for securing the decorative module to the horizontal base unit.

18. The method of claim 13, wherein the rigid material is wood.

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19. A method of manufacturing cornices for crowning a variety of architectural structures, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a plurality of horizontal base units from a single block of rigid material;

creating a plurality of decorative modules from a single block of rigid material;

15 combining one or more decorative modules to one of said horizontal base units to form a single cornice; and

repeating the combining to form a second and subsequent cornices, wherein each of said horizontal base units are interchangeable, and wherein each of said decorative modules are interchangeable thereby minimizing waste of excess unforged material, and thereby further  
20 minimizing waste in the event one component is forged incorrectly.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising forging a plurality of center piece modules from a single block of rigid material, wherein each of said center piece modules is interchangeable.

5 21. The method of claim 19, further comprising:  
channeling a “T” shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative modules; and  
forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of horizontal base units for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

10 22. The method of claim 19, further comprising:  
channeling an inverted “L” shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative modules; and  
forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of horizontal base units for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

15 23. The method of claim 19, further comprising:  
channeling a “T” shaped groove in each of said plurality of horizontal base units; and  
forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of decorative modules for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

20 24. The method of claim 19, further comprising:

channeling a “T” shaped groove in each of said plurality of horizontal base units; and forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of decorative modules for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

5           25.    A cornice for crowning a variety of architectural structures comprising:  
a horizontal base unit having a face section, a top section and a bottom section;  
one or more decorative modules fastened to either one of, or both of, said top and  
bottom sections, the decorative modules including insert channels; and  
a centerpiece module configured to fit over said face of said horizontal base unit, the  
10 centerpiece module having portions secured by the insert channels.

26.    The cornice of claim 25, wherein the one or more decorative modules include a hollow “T” shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal  
15 base unit.

27.    The cornice of claim 25, wherein the one or more decorative modules include a hollow inverted “L” shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal  
20 base unit.

28. The cornice of claim 25, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow “T” shaped channel, and wherein the one or more decorative modules include a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.

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29. The cornice of claim 25, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow inverted “L” shaped channel, and wherein the one or more decorative modules include a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.